



**Resident Commissioner's Statement on
Today's Demonstration by a Pro-independence group
Wednesday, May 6, 2009**

The Resident Commissioner in Washington, Pedro Pierluisi, issued the following statement regarding today's demonstration by a pro-Puerto Rico independence group in the gallery overlooking the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Although I recognize the protestors' right to freedom of expression, it is unfortunate that incidents like this one might affect the good image of our people. There are appropriate ways to speak one's mind about the political status of Puerto Rico that do not violate the law or interfere with the orderly proceedings of government.

All of my constituents, regardless of their political ideology, can obtain tickets to the gallery to watch House proceedings. However, one would expect that their presence would not contravene the House's well established rules of behavior."

<http://pierluisi.house.gov>